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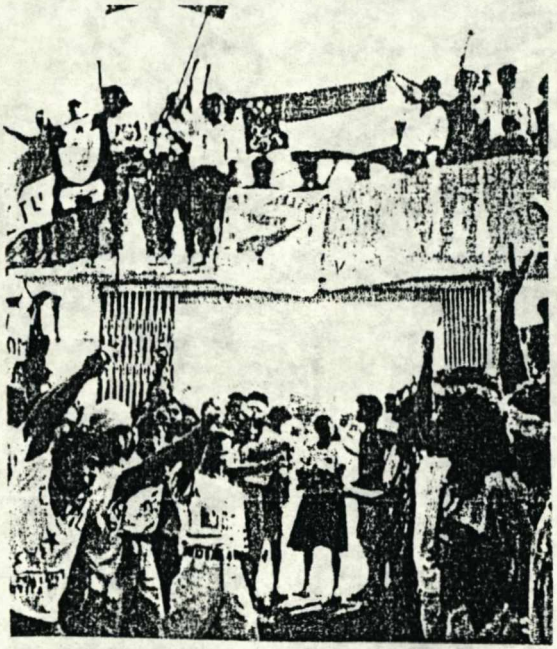

FREE East Timor! Indonesia out now!

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Dili Massacre Remembered

ONNOVEMBER 12, 1991, about 300 East Timorese men and women were unmercifully slaughtered while accompanying the remains of a slain activist to the Dili cemetery. Without any provocation, Indonesian soldiers fired indiscriminately at the peaceful mourners. Many were killed instantly. The first rush of spilled blood failed to quench the soldiers -- they proceeded to bayonet the wounded to death.

Indonesian soldiers deny that such a massacre took place. They claim that "only" 19 people were killed and only because the police were trying to pacify an unruly crowd of rioting demonstrators. But the brazen Indonesian government lie falls flat in the face of the whole world witnessing the carnage on video. And no matter how the Indonesian government tries this latest genocidal action, the Dili massacre has riveted world attention to the atrocities that have been happening for two decades now in this tiny, but resource-rich country in Asia.

Yet the bloodbath continues as the Suharto regime employs harsh military actions to quell the valiant resistance mounted by the people of East Timor to break away from Indonesia's illegal occupation. This, even if since 1975, close to a third of its original population of 700,000 have been decapitated.

Ahi Naklakan

–Light a Candle for Peace and Justice in East Timor–

THIS YEAR, as we mark the 20th year of Indonesia's invasion of East Timor, the East Timorese people and their supporters will commemorate the fourth anniversary of the Dili massacre with a light, or *Ahi Naklakan*. Together let us light torches and candles in memory of the victims of the Dili massacre and the countless others who have suffered under the Indonesian tyranny.

Ahi Naklakan is the Tetum term for light. And with our burning flames showing unity in support of our East Timorese brothers and sisters who continuously struggle for peace and justice. *Ahi Naklakan* may also signal the liberation of East Timor as an independent nation.

Protest actions and torch/candle-lighting gatherings will be held in different countries around the world to dramatize our opposition to Indonesia's occupation of East Timor.

Our Demands

AS WE KINDLE our *Ahi Naklakan*, we call on the Indonesian government and the whole world to our demands:

1. Immediate release of Xanana Gusmao and all East Timorese and Indonesian political prisoners;
2. Immediate application of all Geneva protocols and international laws; and,
3. Admission into East Timor of international agencies like the ICRC, Red Crescent, Amnesty International and the UN.

Activities

WHATEVER TYPE OF GATHERING we will hold in our own countries, we urge that candles or torches be lit to signify our *Ahi Naklakan*. The number lit can symbolize or depict the number of East Timorese killed, the number of years under occupation or any other significant parallelism.

Other suggested activities are:

- Memorial service in religious institutions
- Procession from the cemetery to the church (inside Dili)
- Protest action in front of the Indonesian Embassy
- Ahi Naklakan Forum and film showing
- East Timor solidarity and cultural night